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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]1. Location: The OBERSCHLEMA (N 51/K 43) Ore Washing Plant, Object 99, was in the former Blaifarben Plant.2. Work schedule: The ore passed through crushers to the ball mill. It then entered a jig (or centrifugal) sieve and was mixed with water. It was then sent through the pipe line into the "Stromapparat" (power apparatus) and then on vibrator grates called "Herde".

3. There were 20 vibrator grates in the fall of 1948 and 80 vibrator grates in February 1949. According to information from a female worker still employed in the plant after February 1949 there were 101 vibrator grates in June 1949.

4. After being sifted by the grates the uranium ore was put into canisters and sent to the laboratory for testing. It finally went to drying kilns.

5. The ore was graded in the laboratory as follows:

- A 1 (black color)
- A 2 (somewhat lighter than A 1)
- B 1 (dark brown)
- B 2 (brown)
- C 1 (light brown)
- C 2 (yellowish)

6. Manager: PROSTEKOV (Soviet)7. Work force: first shift: German manager Emil WOLF
second shift: German manager FUCHS
third shift: German manager GARONZI

The total work force numbered 350 to 400 Germans and about 100 Soviets.

8. Emil WOLF once remarked that three grams of pure uranium were produced in the OBERSCHLEMA Ore Washing Plant in 1948.

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